

REMARKS

Applicant's representative would like to thank Examiner Eshete for the courtesies extended during a telephonic interview conducted on 1 March 2007. During the interview, Applicant's representative noted that the Amendment filed 20 December 2006 incorrectly added the terms "intake rocker arm" and "exhaust rocker arm" *in addition* to the term "rocker arm" already recited by independent Claim 1. Applicant's representative proposed amending independent Claim 1 to remove the term "rocker arm" and re-order and amend the remaining claim terms in light of the removal of the term "rocker arm." The Examiner agreed that the term "rocker arm" should be removed to clarify the claim, but indicated that further review with a Supervising Examiner is required before such an amendment can be entered into the Record.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner amend the claims, as indicated above, to correct the above-described typographical errors. The requested amendment removes the term "rocker arm" from independent Claim 1, as set forth above, and reorders and amends the remaining claim terms based on deletion of the term "rocker arm." Applicant also requests that the Examiner amend Claims 2-3, which are necessitated by the amendments to independent Claim 1, and cancel Claims 4 and 7-9, as Claims 7-9 are duplicative of Claims 2, 4, and 6, respectively.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative by telephone at (248) 944-6500 if such communication will expedite allowance and issuance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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